Principal’s Report

School Photos - First Day Back in Term 2
School photos are scheduled for the first day back at school after the Easter School Holidays. School photo envelopes need to be returned back to school before the end of this term, or can be brought on the day to be given directly to the photographer. Students are requested to wear their summer uniform in these photos.

P&C Meeting – AGM tonight
Our P&C AGM meeting is scheduled tonight. I would like to thank our outgoing committee for their hard work, dedication and commitment to supporting the students, teachers and parents of Cambewarra Public School. Lisa Kennedy, P&C president for the last two years, is to be commended for working tirelessly and diligently in so many aspects of the P&C. On behalf of the staff we thank you Lisa for your strong leadership and attention to detail. I look forward to welcoming in our new P&C committee for 2015.

Regular School Attendance
Sending students to school each day provides an opportunity for them to learn routine, punctuality and consistency. Students are required to attend school every day unless extenuating circumstances restrict this, such as illness.

Green attendance booklets can be obtained from the front office assisting parents to notify the school of a child’s absence.

Appointments to see specialists are required to be made outside school hours and family holidays need consultation and permission from the Principal. Family holidays NOW count as absences in a child’s attendance records. Please call into the office to complete the family holiday permission forms which support parents if they are asked why their child is not attending school.

We asked a few of our students about why they thought school attendance was important;
“It’s important to come so you learn lots of things to help you later in life.” - Nikki

“It’s important to come so that you can learn and help others as well.” – Caleb

“You have to come so you can learn lots of stuff and be kind.” - Kye

Parents Volunteering in the School

Our school is fortunate to have many parents and friends assisting teachers and the office staff in a voluntary capacity. It is a requirement that schools keep a register of these volunteers by having them complete a voluntary declaration form available at the front office. Most volunteers have already completed this process, however if you are newly volunteering in some capacity at the school please call into the front office to complete a volunteer declaration form, alongside completing the 100 point identification validation. A reminder to anyone volunteering their time: you need to call to the front office to sign the visitor’s book, both on arrival and departure. There are now over 60 people who provide voluntary support and we are very thankful that they do.

Here’s what a few of our parents said about why volunteering is so important;

“I like it because you are a part of what the kids are doing at school and you get to meet other people and develop a sense of school spirit.”
– Scott Maher

“It brings families and the community together”
– Elise Duncan

Student Focus

It’s always interesting to see what our students are up to at school, as they grow, explore and create. We checked in with some of our students to see what they were learning at school at the moment;

“We’re learning about persuasive texts and it’s really fun because you get to write lots.” – Bronte

“We’re learning about history. It’s fun to write about and I like the videos.” – Isaac

“We are doing lots of maths. It’s very fun because we get to play maths games.” - Abby
**Name:** Lexie  
**Year:** 1  
**Type of Calf:** Conscientious Calf  
**Why:** At Cambewarra Public School, we take our Core Values very seriously and we encourage our students to take the utmost care in living out our Core Values every day. Lexi is one student who consistently lives out the Core Values, both in the classroom and in the playground. Lexi is noted by all as being a kind and caring friend and a responsible school citizen, who always tries her best. Lexi believes that following the Core Values is very important, “it’s important to be responsible and to be kind to one another and to take care when people are hurt.” Lexi says there are many ways that she demonstrates her commitment to living the Core Values, for example “when people aren’t sharing I will go over and ask what’s wrong, and if my friends don’t have someone to play with I will play with them and if they’re hurt I look after them.” Lexi says that she doesn’t just do these things because they are the school rules, but also because “I think it’s the right thing to do, it’s responsible and kind.” Lexi says she hopes to make other people feel happy by her actions, and that she also feels “happy and proud, to know that I can help other people.” Thank you Lexi for being such a wonderful school citizen. You are an outstanding student and a role model for your peers. Continue living the Core Values Lexi!
P&C News

P&C AGM Tonight
The P&C’s Annual General Meeting will be held tonight starting at 6.30pm in Mrs Mison’s classroom in the COLA.
Everyone is encouraged to come along, even if you have never been to a P&C meeting before. The P&C is an important part of the success of Cambewarra Public School. Thanks to our dynamic and hardworking committee, we have achieved many great things over the past few years — over $25,000 on readers, computer and technology upgrades, air conditioning in classrooms, re-establishment of a canteen service and an accredited COOSH providing child care services to 72 students. None of these would have been possible without our dedicated P&C, who are all juggling family and work commitments like you, giving up their time to make a difference to their children’s education.
All positions on the P&C and the subcommittees will be declared vacant. The roles and responsibilities of positions are available under P&C policies on the School website under the Our School tab.
After three years as the President I will be stepping down from the role. The existing Secretary, COOSH Treasurer, Fund Raising Convenor and Canteen Convenor will also not be nominating again.
To ensure the long-term success and viability of our P&C and the services we run like COOSH, canteen and uniform shop, it is essential that new members join each year.
The meeting will include the President’s report for 2014 and our audited accounts presented by the Treasurer. Attached is the 2015 AGM Agenda and the 2014 AGM minutes.
Please consider joining our P&C. If you’re interested in joining this great team of volunteers or would like to know more about what’s involved please feel free to contact me on 0419 022 068. Lisa Kennedy, President

Canteen Meeting Tonight
Prior to the start of the AGM tonight, the special canteen meeting will be held at 6pm to find out whether the school community wants a canteen. As you would have heard the School Canteen is only open for Icy Tuesdays. We don’t have a co-ordinator at this stage who is able to run the Canteen as it was last year (one day per week). Please try to attend the meeting, or pass your ideas on to any of the P&C members if you think you have some options. The more ideas the better. We know operating one day per week seems to work best for our school community, but there is certainly flexibility around the day of the week and frequency. Get your thinking caps on and share your ideas. If you have a passion for healthy food and can spare approximately half a day a week to supervise the canteen operations and coordinate volunteers we would love to hear from you.

Election Day Stalls Volunteers Wanted
We need to see if we have enough people available to assist with an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall alongside the Craft Table on 28 March.
Jobs on the day include working the BBQ for egg & bacon rolls in the morning or sausage/steak sandwiches later in the day, staffing the Cake Stall table or in the canteen serving drinks or other jobs to help the day run smoothly - even an hour of your time would be a huge help.
On the Friday before we would be looking for helpers to get the donated cakes ready for sale, labelling, pricing, packaging where needed. This is usually a fun time working in the Canteen. Cake plates will be sent home the week before in preparation for the stall. We know the Cambewarra Village community look forward to our election day BBQ/Cake Stalls and it would be great to continue the tradition. Can you please...
contact Gina or Amanda if you are able to help out in some way on the day so we are sure we can do this. We usually try to wrap up after the lunchtime rush on Election Day.
Gina Wilson-Burns e: SandGBurns@bigpond.com text 0412 022 014
Amanda Poulton e: amanda.s.poulton@gmail.com text 0417 441 799

Are you a bit Crafty?
In addition to the Calf and Craft Fair stalls in October, we will be having a craft table at the upcoming State election on 28 March.
Do you have any craft items you could contribute? Would you like to help running the stalls?
If you thought “YES” to any of these, please contact Tina Chapman or Karla MacPhail via the front office.
The Craft Table on Election Day is a great way for us to promote the Fair and set the scene for the types of products people can expect when they attend the CALF + CRAFT FAIR in October.
27 February 2015

Urgent School Canteen Meeting

When: Monday 9 March 2015
Time: 6-6.30pm
Where: Mrs Mison’s classroom near the COLA
Why: The school canteen may need to close

Dear Cambewarra School family

The Cambewarra School canteen requires the school community’s help if it is to open in 2015. The canteen is run by the P&C with volunteer helpers and student canteen monitors. There are no paid workers.

We have a canteen coordinator who oversees the management and operation of the canteen. Last year Cathy Corkett took on this role and was able to open the canteen for lunch orders on a Friday. The P&C is extremely grateful for the tremendous effort and time Cathy gave to the canteen last year. Cathy had 12 parents and grandparents helping her on a term roster which was also gratefully appreciated.

Although the canteen provides a lunch ordering service and is economically viable, it more importantly provides students with confidence and skills in making decisions on what to buy and eat. Eating healthy, managing your money, speaking to adults, waiting your turn and using your manners are some of the traits students develop when using the canteen. It also provides our Year 6 canteen monitors with the opportunity to develop their customer service, food handling and money skills.

The canteen also provides volunteers with wonderful experiences. You get to see the personalities of students and the great dynamics and interactions across the school years. It’s always intriguing watching a year 6 student helping a kindy work out their buying options with 40c to spend.

Unfortunately Cathy is no longer able to continue as our canteen coordinator for 2015. The P&C is looking for a new coordinator to ensure another year of canteen lunches. Icy Tuesday will still run under the coordination of Roz Phillips.

Operations over the last four years have shown that the canteen is viable when operating one day a week with volunteer help. Unless the school community is prepared to support the canteen with volunteer help, the P&C will have no other option than to close the canteen. Please come along to our canteen meeting to discuss and determine the future of our school canteen.

If you would like to discuss the canteen operations please contact Cathy Corkett on 0413 214 262 or myself on 4446 0810.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Kennedy, President
Cambewarra School P&C